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SUBJ: VISA REQUEST FOR JOURNALIST

REFS: MOSCOW 10957; MOSCOW 11316

1. N.Y. TIMES BUREAU CHIEF CHRIS WREN TOLD BY MFA TODAY THAT REQUEST FOR SOVIET VISA FOR NEWLY ASSIGNED NYT CORRESPONDENT IS "UNDER CONSIDERATION". WREN HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR PROMPT VISA ISSUANCE.

2. APPLICATION WAS MADE BY LETTER FROM NYT FOREIGN EDITOR GREENFIELD TO KAMENEV, SOV PRESS COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON, ON JULY 21 ADVISING THAT DAVIS SHIPLER, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN PLANNED TO DEPART US AUGUST 15 AND ENTER USSR AUGUST 26.

3. CONSIDERING SOVIET "FOOT-DRAGGING" OVER LAST THREE NYT VISA REQUESTS, WE PLAN - IF DEPT CONCURS - MAKE INQUIRY TO MFA ON BEHALF SHIPLER, MENTIONING THAT APPLICATIONS BY SOVIET JOURNALISTS TO COVER UNGA (MOSCOW 10957) AND APOLLO-SOYUZ TOUR (MOSCOW 11316) ARE ALSO "UNDER CONSIDERATION". DEPT MAY WISH DISCUSS WITH SOVEMBASSY.

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